

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Serial No.: 09/883,592)	Group Art Unit: 3611
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

TC Group Director
Group Art Unit 3611
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

1. Applicant contends that the above-identified application is not in fact abandoned. A Notice of Abandonment for failure to file a timely and proper response to a September 24, 2002 Office Action was received in this office on May 2, 2003. The Office Action set forth a one month period for response. The alleged abandonment date of this application is October 25, 2002. Applicant contends that a response to the Office Action was faxed to the Commissioner for Patents on October 23, 2002. Applicant hereby requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for this application.
2. Attached herewith are copies of the following documents previously filed on October 23, 2002 in response to the September 24, 2002 Office Action:

Copy of Transmittal Letter and,

Copy of First Response with Election

A copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission sheet received from the Patent Office is also enclosed.

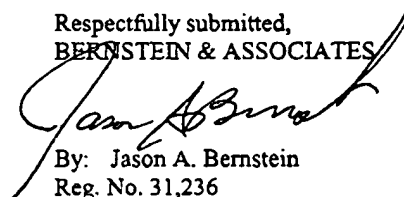
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3. This petition is filed within one year of the alleged date of alleged abandonment.
4. No fee is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a).

The delay leading to alleged abandonment of the application was unintentional.

I declare that all statements made herein of are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that the attached papers are being facsimile transmitted to the TC Group Director, Group Art Unit 3611, Commissioner for Patents, May 16, 2003, to the following telephone number: (703) 305-3597.


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